

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Forrest Mandeville, on January 24, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Chair (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Wendy McKamey, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. A. Knudsen

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Secretary
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary: Hearing & Date Posted: HB 212, 1/18/2017

HEARING ON HB 212**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:57 Rep. Jeff Essmann (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 212, Ballot Interference Act - restrict collection of absentee ballots.

[EXHIBIT\(sth17a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth17a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth17a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:01 Derek Oestreicher, Secretary of State Office (SOS)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:10:10 Kaitlyn Westhoff, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)
00:12:46 SK Rossi, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLU)
00:16:58 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders (MACR)
00:20:08 Andrew Bixler, Montana Associated Students (MAC)
00:21:59 Abigail Belcher, Associate Students of the University of Montana (ASUM)
00:23:01 Commissioner Jonathan Motl, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)
00:24:46 Jordan Thompson, Salish and Kootenai Tribe
00:26:05 Michael Meloy, Self
00:31:10 Beth Brennehan, Disabilities Rights Montana (DRM)
00:32:50 Robert Filipovich, Self
00:37:06 Rachel Huff-Doria, Forward Montana Foundation
00:39:31 Julia Shindel, Montana Women Vote

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:42:21 Rep. McKamey
00:43:05 Linda Stoll, MACR
00:43:54 Rep. McKamey
00:44:07 Linda Stoll, MACR
00:44:49 Rep. Bachmeier
00:46:42 Rachel Huff-Doria, Forward Montana Foundation
00:47:03 Rep. Bachmeier
00:47:39 Derek Oestreicher, SOS
00:47:52 Rep. Garner
00:48:28 Rep. Essmann
00:48:50 Rep. Garner
00:49:03 Rep. Essmann
00:51:47 Rep. Bennett
00:52:34 Rep. Essmann
00:53:54 Rep. Bennett
00:54:38 Rep. Essmann
00:55:18 Rep. Bennett
00:55:44 Rep. Essmann
00:56:22 Rep. Webber
00:56:52 Rep. Essmann
00:58:09 Rep. Custer

00:58:57	Rep. Essmann
00:59:07	Rep. Custer
00:59:41	Rep. Essmann
01:00:25	Rep. Swanson
01:01:39	Rep. Essmann
01:02:01	Rep. Swanson
01:02:08	Rep. Essmann
01:02:26	Rep. Karjala
01:02:48	Rep. Essmann
01:02:58	Rep. Karjala
01:03:58	Rep. Essmann
01:04:38	Rep. Price
01:05:46	Rep. Essmann
01:06:48	Rep. Price
01:07:06	Rep. Essmann
01:07:31	Rep. Custer
01:08:51	Derek Oestreicher, SOS
01:09:25	Rep. Skees
01:09:52	Rep. Essmann
01:10:30	Chair Mandeville
01:11:21	Rep. Essmann
01:11:52	Chair Mandeville
01:12:01	Rep. Essmann
01:12:13	Chair Mandeville
01:12:55	Michael Meloy, Self
01:13:00	Chair Mandeville
01:13:05	Michael Meloy, Self
01:13:10	Chair Mandeville
01:13:34	Rep. Essmann
01:14:20	Chair Mandeville
01:15:16	Rachel Huff-Doria, Forward Montana Foundation
01:16:10	Chair Mandeville
01:16:18	Rachel Huff-Doria, Forward Montana Foundation
01:16:36	Rep. Bennett
01:17:21	Rep. Essmann

Closing by Sponsor:

01:17:47	Rep. Essmann
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:19:54

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth17aad.pdf](#))